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Title: Issue regarding increase in FDI in defence, retail and medicine sectors of the country.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Madam, I would like to raise a very serious issue. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: What is it?

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN : I have given notice for Adjournment Motion but the Chair has allowed me to raise it in 'Zero Hour'. It is a very important matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

The Government has decided to bring in 100 per cent FDI in the defence sector. We see that as a news item in every newspaper and also in the electronic media but the Government is not responsible enough to report all these issues in this House. ...(*Interruptions*) Of course, they have the majority. At the same time, they can report this issue and have the expression of our views in this issue. ...(*Interruptions*) It is not only in the defence sector but in the retail sector also the Government has changed the FDI percentage. ...(*Interruptions*) In the medical sector, we know that the prices of medicines have gone up.

At the same time, the Government has not taken any decision to control the price rise. The Government is interested to allow more and more FDI in Defence, retail and medicine sectors of the country. I would like to know the reason for taking such a decision. This decision has to be withdrawn.

HON. SPEAKER:

S/Shri Mullapally Ramachandran,

M.B. Rajesh,

P.K. Biju and

Adv. Joice George are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P. Karunakaran.